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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MODESTO FAROLAN TO RETIRE

1. DFA SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA MODESTO FAROLAN HAS APPLIED FOR RETIREMENT, AND PRESIDENT MARCOS (WHO IS A COUSIN) IS EXPECTED TO MAKE DECISION SOMETIME IN JUNE AFTER THE CONVENING OF THE INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. AGE (79) APPARENTLY DID NOT IMPEL FAROLAN TO RETIRE. TALK IN DFA IS THAT HIS WIFE INSISTED ON RETIREMENT, FOLLOWING NUMBER OF TRAGIC PERSONAL EVENTS -- FIRST SON WAS KILLED IN FALL FROM BUILDING IN HONG KONG, SECOND SON WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY ROBBER IN BANGKOK, AND FOURTH SON DISAPPEARED IN A LIGHT PLANE DURING STORM. THIRD SON SURVIVES AS COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, WHILE ONLY DAUGHTER IS MARRIED TO A SWISS IN SWITZERLAND.

3. RETIREMENT FOR FAROLAN WOULD ALSO MEAN GIVING UP HIS POSITION AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GOP NATIONAL ASEAN SECRETARIAT. MRS. MANALO IS OSTENSIBLY HIS DEPUTY BUT ACTUALLY RUNS THE SHOW. TOUSSAINT

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